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Tejas MK-II
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Research and Development Organisation is developing Tejas MK-II version of the Light Combat Aircraft for possible deployment by the Navy and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the time by which Tejas MK-II would be made available to Indian Navy and Air Force?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)
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(a) Yes, Madam. Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA), an autonomous body of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), is developing MK-II versions of LCA(Navy) with a higher thrust engine than the one used in Mk-I version of Tejas. Two prototypes are sanctioned under this phase of development.

(b) Final Operational Clearance (FOC) of LCA (Navy) MK-II is likely to be obtained by 2023 for induction in Indian Navy and FOC for Air Force MK-II is likely to be obtained by Dec 2025.

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